RG104 E-1 Box 194

JUN 23 1896

Youngstown O. June 22/96

Director of The Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir – Has there ever been a time, when, under the coinage laws of the United States, any person owning $371\frac{25}{100}$ grains of fine silver, possessed the legal right to deposit said silver in any Mint of the United States, and receive in exchange a silver coin containing $371\frac{25}{100}$ grains of fine silver, and $41\frac{25}{100}$ grains of alloy, the total weight of said silver coin being $412\frac{5}{10}$ grains of standard silver.

Also, – what charge, if any, has been made by the mint, for coining the $371\frac{25}{100}$ grains of fine silver.

Also – what charge, if any, has been made by the Mint, for the $41\frac{25}{100}$ grains of alloy.

Respectfully
G. D. Hersey

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1241 MINT of U. S. PHILADELPHIA REC'D JUN 23 1896

G. D. Heersey
Youngstown, Ohio.

Wants to know about depositing silver for coinage and drawing value in coin, the charge for alloy used, etc

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We want to know something!

From 1837 to 1853

No. 17. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

In answer to the first question, I would say yes. provided, ~~to hand~~ that not less than a hundred times 371 $\frac{25}{100}$ grains of fine silver were offered. for which a hundred dollars, less the charges for alloy. &c. see the enclosed Copy of Acts of Congress on the subject.

The present Charges. — For toughening — $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 cent per ounce, gross, while there was no charge for coinage

Copper alloy. 2 cents per ounce, varying according to price of copper.

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[Abstract:] Wants to know about departing silver coinage…

Youngstown, O.
June 22, 1896

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir-

Has there ever been a time, when, under the coinage laws of the United States, any person owning 371 25/100 grains of fine silver, possessed the legal right to deposit said silver in any Mint of the United States, and receive in exchange a silver coin containing 371 25/100 grains of fine silver, and 41 25/100 grains of alloy, the total weight of said silver coin being 412 5/10 grains of standard silver.

Also, -what charge, if any, has been made by the mint, for coining the 371 25/100 grains of fine silver.

Also – what charge, if any, has been made by the mint, for the 41 25/100 grains of alloy.

Respectfully,
G.D. Hersey

[Noted on back:]

SS
<u>All</u> want to know something!

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[Enclosed note:]

No. 17. Treasury Department

From 1837 to 1873

In answer to the first question, I would say yes, provide, that not less than a hundred times 371 25/100 grains of fine silver were offered, for which a hundred dollars, less than charges for alloy. See the inclosed copy of Act of Congress on the subject.

The present charges – for toughening –
¼ to 1 cent per ounce, gross, while that way no change for coinage
Copper alloy, 2 cents per ounce, varying according to price of copper.